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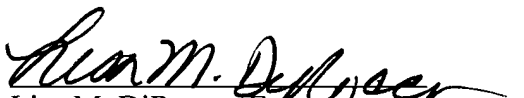

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	A1		Genbank accession z14314, M.leprae genes rplL, rpoB, rpoC, end, rpsL, rpsG, efg, tuf, rpsJ, rplC for ribosomal protein L7, RNA polymerase beta subunit, RNA polymerase beta' subunit, endonuclease, ribosomal protein S7, ribosomal protein S12, elongation factor G, elongation factor Tu, ribosomal protein S10, ribosomal protein L3 and mkl gene
	A2		Honore, N *et al.* Nucleotide sequence of the first cosmid from the Mycobacterium leprae genome project: structure and function of the Rif-Str regions. Mol Microbiol. 1993 Jan;7(2):207-14

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